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Up the gray ramparts the clematis flings
High its green ladders, and cowbers and oilings,
Under the guns,
Over the guns,
Under the guns of the Fort on the Hill.

Under the guns of the Fort on the Hill
Once shook the earth with the cannonade's thrill,
Once trod the buttercups feet that now still
Lie all at rest in their trench by the hill,
Under the guns,
Under the guns,
Under the guns of the Fort on the Hill.

Over the guns of the Fort on the Hill,
Equal the rain falls on good and on ill;
Still blooms the spikenard, and still the beech runs,
Still toils the bushwhacker, under the guns,
Under the guns,
Under the guns,
Under the guns of the Fort on the Hill.

Under the gun of the Fort on the Hill,
Lord, in Thy mercy we wait on Thy will:
Lord! is it war that Thy wisdom best knows?
Lord! is it peace that Thy goodness still shows?
Under the guns,
Under the guns,
Under the guns of Thy Fort on the Hill.

—*Bret Harte.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

Only Jones.

The officers of her Majesty's Twenty-fourth and Eighty-fourth infantry were sitting around their mess table in Castletown, the capital of the Isle of Man, one evening more than thirty years ago—that is, all of them except one; but then that one was only Jones. Nobody minded Jones; even his peculiarities had begun to be an old subject of "chaffing;" and indeed he had paid such small attention to their "chaffing" that they had come to find it little pleasure, and after some weeks of discomfort Lieutenant Jones had been allowed to choose his own pleasures without much interference.

These were not extravagant. A favorite book, a long walk in all kinds of weather, and a sail when the weather was favorable. He would not drink—he said it hurt his health; he would not shoot—he said it hurt his feelings; he would not gamble—he said it hurt his conscience; and he did not care to flirt or visit the belles of the capital—he said it hurt his affections. Once Captain De Reuzy lispingly wondered whether it was possible to "hurt his honor," and Jones calmly answered that "it was not possible for Captain De Reuzy to do so."

Indeed, Jones constantly violated all these gentlemen's ideas of proper behavior, but for some reason or other no one brought him to account for it. It was easier to shrug their shoulders and call him "queer," or say "it was only Jones," or even to quietly assert his cowardice.

One evening Colonel Underwood was discussing a hunting party for the next day. Jones walked into the room, and was immediately accosted:

"Something new, Lieutenant. I find there are plenty of hares on the island, and we mean to give puss a run to-morrow. I have heard you are a good rider; will you join us?"

"You must excuse me, Colonel; such a thing is neither in my way of duty nor my pleasure."

"You forget the honor the Colonel does you, Jones," said young Ensign Powell.

"I thank the Colonel for his courtesy, but I can see no good reason for accepting it. I am sure my horse would not approve of it, and I am sure the hare will not like it, and I am not a good rider; therefore I should not enjoy it."

"You need not be afraid," said the Colonel rather sneeringly; "the country is quite open, and these low Manx walls are easily taken."

"Excuse me, Colonel, I am afraid. If I should be hurt it would cause my mother and sisters great alarm and anxiety. I am very much afraid of doing this."

What was to be done with a man so obtuse regarding conventionalities, and who boldly asserted his cowardice? The Colonel turned away half contemptuously, and Ensign Powell took Jone's place.

The morning proved to be a very bad one, with the prospect of a rising storm, and as the party gathered in the barracks yard Jones said earnestly to his Colonel:

"I'm afraid, sir, you will meet with a severe storm."

"I think so, Lieutenant; but we have promised to dine at Gwyne Hall, and we shall get that far at any rate."

So they rode away rather gloomily in the rain. Jones attended to the military duties assigned him, and then, about noon, walked seaward. It was hard work by this time to keep his foot on the narrow quay; but, amid the blinding spray and mist, he saw quite a crowd of men going rapidly toward the great shelving Scarlet Rocks, a mile beyond the town. He stopped an old sailor and asked:

"Is anything wrong?"

"A little steamer, sir, off ta Calf of Man; she is driving this way; an' intect, I fear she will be on ta rocks before ta night."

Jones stood still a moment, and then followed the crowd as fast as the storm would let him. When he joined them they were gathered on the summit of a huge cliff, watching the doomed craft. She was now within sight, and it was evident that her seamen had almost lost control of her. She must ere long be flung by the waves up on the jagged and frightful rocks toward which she was driving. In the lulls of the wind not only the booming of the minute gun but also the shouts of the imperiled crew could be heard.

"What can be done?" said Jones to an old man whose face betrayed the strongest emotion.

"Nothing, sir, I am afraid. If she'd manage to rout ta rocks she would have gone to pieces on ta sand, and there are plenty of men who would have risket life to save life. But how are we to reach them from this height.

"How far are we above water?"

"This rock goes down like a wall forty fathoms, sir."

"What depth of water at the foot?"

"Thirty feet or more."

"Good. Have you plenty of light, strong rope?"

"Much as you want, sir; but let me tell you, sir, you can't live three minutes down there; to first wave will throw you on ta rocks and dash you to pieces. Plenty of us would put you down, sir, but you cannot swim if you get down."

"Do you know, old man, what 'surf swimming' is? I have lived through the surf at Nukuheva."

"God bless you, sir! I thought no white man could do that same."

While this conversation was going on Jones was directing himself of all superfluous clothing, and had cut off the sleeves of his heavy pea-jacket with his pocket-knife. This done he passed some light, strong rope through them.

The men watched him with eager interest, and seeing their inquisitive looks, he said:

"The thick sleeves will prevent the rope cutting my body, you see."

"Ay, ay, sir, I see now what you are doing."

"Now, men, I have only one request: *Give me plenty of rope as fast as I draw on you.* When I get on board you know how to make a cradle I suppose?"

"Ay, ay, sir; but how are you going to reach the water?"

"I am going to plunge down. I have dived from the main-yard of the Ajax before this. It was as high a leap."

He passed a double coil of the rope around his waist, examined it thoroughly to see that there was plenty to start with, and saying, "Now, friends, stand out of the way and let me have a clear start," he raised his bare head one moment toward Heaven, and taking a short run, leaped as from the spring-board of a plunge-bath.

Such an anxious crowd as followed that leap! Great numbers, in spite of the dangerous wind, lay flat on their breasts and watched him. He struck the water at least twenty-five feet beyond the cliff, and disappeared in its dark, foamy depths.

When he arose to the surface he saw just before him a gigantic wave, but he had time to breathe, and before it reached him he dived below its center. It broke in passionate fury upon the rocks, but Jones arose far beyond it. A mighty cheer from the men on shore reached him, and he now began in good earnest to put his Pacific experiences into practice.

Drawing continually on the men for more rope—which they paid out with deafening cheers—he met wave after wave in the same manner, diving under them like an otter, and getting nearer to the wreck with every wave—really advancing, however, more under the water than above it.

Suddenly the despairing men on board heard a clear, hopeful voice:

"Help at hand, Captain! Throw me a buoy."

And in another minute or two Jones was on the deck, and the cheers of the little steamer were echoed by the cheers of the crowd on the land. There was not a moment to be lost; she was breaking up fast; but it took but a few minutes to fasten a strong cable to the small rope and draw it on board, and then a second cable, and the communication was complete.

"There is a lady here, sir," said the Captain. "We must rig up a chair for her; she can never walk that dangerous road."

"But we have not a moment to waste, or we may all be lost. Is she very heavy?"

"A slight, little thing; half a child, sir."

"Bring her here."

There was no time for ceremony.—Without a word, save a few sentences of direction and encouragement, he took her under his left arm, and steadying himself by the upper cable, walked on the lower with his burden safety to the shore. The crew rapidly followed, for in such moments of extremity the soul masters the body, and all things become possible.

There was plenty of help waiting for the half-dead seamen, and the lady, her father and the Captain had been put in the carriage of Braddon and driven rapidly to his hospitable hall.

Jones, amid the confusion, disappeared; he had picked up an oil-skin coat and cap, and when every one turned to thank their deliverer he was gone. No one knew him; the sailors said they believed him to be "one of the military gents by his rigging," but the individuality of the hero had troubled no one until the danger was over. In an hour the steamer was driven on the rocks and went to pieces, and it being by this time quite dark, every one went home.

The next day the hunting party returned from Gwynne Hall, the storm having compelled them to stop all night, and at supper that evening the wreck and the hero of it were the theme of every one's conversation.

"Such a plucky fellow," said Ensign Powell. "I wonder who he was. Gwynne says he was a stranger, perhaps one of that crowd staying at the abbey."

"Perhaps," said Captain Marks, "it was Jones."

"O, Jones would be too afraid of his mother!"

Jones made a little satirical bow and said pleasantly: "Perhaps it was Powell," at which Powell laughed and said, not if he knew it."

In a week the event had been pretty well exhausted, especially as there was to be a great dinner and ball at Braddon, and all the officers had invitations. The ball had a peculiar interest, for the young lady who had been saved from the wreck would be present, and rumors of her beauty and riches had been rife for several days. It was said the little steamer was her father's private yacht, and that he was a man of rank and influence.

Jones said he should not go to the dinner, as either he or Saville must remain for evening drill, and that Saville loved a good dinner, while he cared very little about it. Saville could return in time to let him ride over about ten o'clock and see the dancing. Saville rather wondered why Jones did not take his place all the evening, and felt half-injured at his default.

But Jones had a curiosity about the girl he had saved. To tell the truth he was nearer in love with her than he had ever been with any woman, and he wished in calm blood to see if she was as beautiful as his fancy had painted her during her high above the warm.

She was exceedingly lovely,—just the fresh, innocent girl he had known she would be. He watched her dancing with his brother officers, or talking to her father, or leaning on Braddon's arm, and every time he saw her she looked fairer and sweeter. Yet he had not courage to ask for an introduction, and in the busy ball-room no one seemed to remember that he needed one. He kept his post against the conservatory door quite undisturbed for some time. Presently he saw 'Squire Braddon, with the beauty on his arm, approaching him. As they passed, the 'Squire remembered he had not been to dinner, and stopped to say a few courteous words, and introduced his companion.

"Miss Conyers."

"Lieutenant Jones."

But no sooner did Miss Conyers hear Lieutenant Jones' voice than she gave a joyful cry, and clapping her hands together, said:

"I have found him, Papa! papa! I've found him!"

Never was there such an interruption to a ball. The company gathered in excited groups, and papa knew the Lieutenant's voice, and the Captain knew it, and poor Jones, unwillingly enough, had to acknowledge the deed and be made a hero of.

It was wonderful, after this night, what a change took place in Jones' quiet ways. His books and boat seemed to have lost their charm; and as for his walks, they were all in one direction, and ended at Braddon Hall. In about a month Miss Conyers went away, and then Jones began to haunt the postman and to get pretty little letters which always seemed to take a great deal of answering.

Before the end of the winter he had an invitation to Conyers to spend a month, and a furlough being granted, he started off in great glee for Kent. Jones never returned to the Eighty-fourth. The furlough of a month was indefinitely lengthened; in fact he sold out and entered upon a diplomatic career under the care of Sir Thomas Conyers.

Eighteen months after the wreck Colonel Underwood read aloud at the mess a description of the marriage of Thomas Jones, of Milford Haven, and Mary, only child and heiress of Sir Thomas Conyers, of Conyers Castle, Kent. And a paragraph below stated that "The Honorable Thomas Jones, with his bride, had gone to Vienna on diplomatic service of great importance."

"Just his luck," said Powell.

"Just his *pluck*," said Underwood; "and for my part, when I come across any one of those fellows again that are afraid of hurting their mothers and sisters, and are not ashamed to say so, I shall treat him as a hero just waiting for his opportunity. Here is to the Hon. Thomas Jones and his lovely bride! We are going to India, gentlemen, next month, and I am sorry the Eighty-fourth has lost Lieut. Jones, for I have no doubt whatever that he would have stormed a fort as bravely as he boarded a wreck."

Judge Souther in Florida.

Judge Souther writes the Erie *Dispatch* from near Tampa, Florida, under date of February 23th, that he is trying to keep cool with the thermometer at 90 in the shade. He writes: "I would not like to call this end of the country my home while I have a home up yonder. I long for a piece of ice." He is very much prejudiced against the quality of beef, saying that "cattle are poor and small. Beef cattle are tied up in bunches and sold at the butchers' shops like quail and squirrels or onions at the groceries—so much a bunch." If the Judge wasn't a member of the Episcopal church, in good and regular sitting, we might want corroborative testimony on this point, but under the circumstances we have no doubt of his statement. He admires the many curious things he meets—crawling, jumping and flying—but intimates that he shall not study their nature and habits to any extent and hopes they won't his, as he does not intend to stop with them long. He speaks highly of the hospitality of the Southern people, and says they couldn't be kinder if they were all running for office. Then he naturally drops into politics, and closes with his bit of advice: "When you write to that great statesman, ————, say 'thy will be done in Erie as it is elsewhere in Pennsylvania.'"

THE Miss Sherman to whom Don Cameron is engaged, a singularly beautiful young lady, is a daughter of Judge Sherman, of Cleveland, and furnishes fresh wonderment how beautiful women exist in that city of kerosene, soft coal, bad smells generally. A young attache of one of the foreign legations in Washington called her the most perfect type of American beauty seen in three years' devotion to this interesting branch of ethnology. She is tall, graceful, with well-poised head, clear-cut features, lucid gray eyes that are like a deer's for glancing brightness, and a crown of wavy, golden-brown hair.

THAT BIG FEE.

WHAT A CORRESPONDENT HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia *Evening Telegraph* wrote to that paper under date of March 18th: To show how easily a small cloud may grow and create a great thunder storm, it is only necessary to give a short history of the way in which the collections of the tax, from the Union railroad and transportation company have been made. In conversation with Marlin, one of the lawyers who shared the $19,000 fee, I learned the history of the case, which, by the way, is almost identical with his testimony given before the investigation committee on Saturday morning. On the 10th of October, 1877, Mr. Olmsted [illegible] Pennsylvania railroad company in this city. In the course of the conversation Mr. Whitman asked Mr. Olmsted if the winding up of the affairs of the Empire line would pay the stockholders well, at the same time adding that if it paid as well as the Union railroad and Transportation company did, he (Whitman) would be satisfied. Olmsted, considerably surprised at the latter intelligence, asked how much it paid him, and Whitman told him the profits were large.

SET TO THINKING.

This set Olmsted to thinking about the matter, and from his knowledge of corporation affairs he knew that the company had not paid any tax on these dividends. (Olmsted had been corporation clerk in the Auditor General's Office six years.) After revolving the matter in his mind, and consulting with John W. Simonton, a very able Harrisburg lawyer—who, it is said, aspires to the bench—Olmsted informed the Auditor General or his representative that he had knowledge of the liquidation of a company, which knowledge was probably worth a large sum to the State, and that he was ready to peddle his information for 10 per cent. of the money collected, at the same time promising to carry the matter, if necessary, to the county court, from thence to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and even to the United States Supreme Court, if the legal fight was prolonged.

UNLIMITED WORK.

Here was an offer that promised unlimited work, and at the same time gave no evidence that any money whatever could be collected, and an agreement was drawn up embodying these stipulations. First to sign it was C. F. Warden, chief clerk in the Auditor General's office, and then on the agreement come the names of Attorney General Lear and State Treasurer Rawle. Auditor General Temple was at his home in Greene county, but he signed the agreement on his return, as he says, to ratify what had been done by his chief clerk. Olmsted and Simonton immediately set about to collect the tax, and found it such an easy task that in a short time they had brought the company to terms and secured and paid into the State treasury $191,000 (less 10 per cent., their fee), which in all probability, but for the conversation Olmsted had with Whitman on the 10th of October, 1877, would never have seen the treasury vaults.

HOW IT FIRST SEEMED.

At first glance the fee seems exorbitant, but it must be remembered that this percentage has always been the same, and that none of the contracting parties had the remotest idea that the sum collected would be as large as it was. Of course it would have been shrewdness had the auditor general scaled the percentage, say 10 per cent. for the first $30,000, and one-half of one per cent. for all above; but how could he do it, being ignorant of the sum? The one thing curious about the matter is, that no books or papers in the auditor general's office can show the name of the company, and therein lies the one single fault, if fault it is. Messrs. Olmsted and Simonton say that they were doubtful whether any money whatever could be collected from the company, and think that if the case had been carried to court the commonwealth would have lost; nevertheless, they were willing to try, and expected to carry the other until it received its quietus in the United States supreme court, according to the terms of the agreement.

ALL FUDGE.

They look upon the matter purely as a business transaction, and it is doubtful if the investigating committee can show that it was anything else. The attempt to throw an imaginary blame on somebody's shoulders will amount to nothing, and the political capital growing out of the case, for either party, will not amount to "shucks."

The Old Times and the New.

Washington Corr. New-York Times.

A year ago, just after Rutherford B. Hayes, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, had been installed in the White House, two old campaigners, one of them a rebel General of cavalry, whose name is familiar in all parts of the country, and the other a citizen of New York, who had won distinction while commanding a brigade in the Union army, met in the bar-room of a leading hotel. They have been friends since the war, but that evening the face of the rebel General did not wear its usual genial smile, and to his friend's hearty greeting he only replied: "No, not to-night, General. I can't drink. You fellows have whipped us again, and I'm going into mourning." Last week these two gentlemen met again, and this time it was with a bright smile, which hardly concealed the lurking malice, however, that the ex-Confederate slapped the Union man on the shoulder, exclaiming, "Hello, old boy! Have you come over to see your President?" "Hardly," was the quiet reply. "Oh! you might as well," continued the other, laughing. "You know the bottom rail is on the top again, and, if you like, I'll introduce you."

The Law of The Road.

Judge McDermott, of Mercer county, laid down the following as road law:

"First: Persons driving in opposite directions and meeting in the highway must turn to the right as the law directs, and each one must give sufficient room for the other to pass. If the collision should occur and it should satisfactorily appear that one had kept the centre of the road and had not given the other sufficient room to pass, the first party would be responsible, civilly, for any damages resulting from his negligence, and also criminally for an assault and battery. If both parties should keep in the middle of the road both would be guilty of negligence, but neither could maintain a civil action against the other. Each would be guilty of the breach of the peace.

Second: When parties are traveling on the same road and the one behind comes up to his fellow, who refuses to let him pass, and who purposely and maliciously retards his progress, the one behind must bide his time. He cannot take the law in his own hands and punish the man who causelessly keeps him back, but he has a remedy at law by an action of damages. Or if one comes up behind another and recklessly undertakes to pass him, and thereby inflicts damage upon the one in front, he is not only guilty of committing an assault and battery, but is responsible in damages to the party injured. A person in front has no right to keep one behind him back who desires to drive faster; if he does he is liable to civil damages, but the party in passing must not do so as to inflict any injury upon the other."

Petroleum as a Destructive.

From the Buffalo Express.

One of the inevitable results of war is destruction, and if the finer emotions were to prevail there would be no war at all—which would be very bad indeed:—It is difficult to contemplate new methods of wholesale killing without a shudder and more or less antipathy to their inventors; but men cannot fight with squirt-guns, and perhaps the more rapid the destruction the quicker the accomplishment of peace. In this view of the evil the world will not think unkindly of Lieutenant Palmer, of the British Navy, who proposes "to deluge a hostile ship and its crew with crude petroleum by means of powerful ejectors, and then set fire to them by the use of rockets." A death of this kind would not be pleasant, no matter with how little violence they occur; and besides, if people will so transgress as to make punishment necessary, or be so unreasonable as to oblige their betters to kill or conquer them, what can they expect? We would prefer to have the offenders put to sleep with opium or some other drug previous to the petroleum business, if that were possible; but the offenders are unpardonably graceless as well as reckless, and would accept of nothing of an ameliorative nature even in their own behalf. Take them as they run, they are perverse and stiff-necked generations, continually harassing the good and inviting their own destruction.

We must say that the petroleum programme strikes us favorably. It is better than the use of torpedoes, for the reason that one can see with his own eyes the various details of the death wrought by his projectile, and the enemy can be driven instead of invited to his destruction. It beats the needle-gun, for it is even surer and more comprehensive. It saves ammunition, and it does away with much of the deafening and insufferable noise inseparable from the old style of naval combat, which is exceedingly trying to the nerves and creates the most unpleasant confusion. Then the spectacle of a vessel on fire is always beautiful and inspiring—and how much more so must it be when the crew of the vessel may be seen running about, masses of flame themselves, shrieking and attesting in various ways the wickedness of their crime and the suffering it brings. As a moral spectacle we really know of nothing that might equal it.

During our war an effort was made to infect the Northern cities with small-pox, so as to accomplish in an indirect manner what could not be reached in the field. The inventor was more of a philosopher than Lieutenant Palmer, since he went more to the roots of things and proposed a victory in the beginning instead of as a result of a long war. Again, the work of poisoning wells has been found effective to a certain extent; but, unhappily, the leaders in these matters do not drink water to any extent, and it is found that only ordinary soldiers are poisoned—not officers. Neither of these plans, good as they are in their way, is thoroughly practical. The petroleum method is their superior by far, and we shall hope to see it adopted at the earliest practicable moment.

The advantages to this country in view of Lieutenant Palmer's invention will be apparent to all. A foreign war is an American blessing at all times; it will be doubly so hereafter. We have petroleum by the hundreds of thousands of acres and once greased with this article and set fire to, no man ever escapes. It has been tried thousands of times on our servant girls, or rather they have tried it on themselves, invariably with the most surprising effects. It is quick to ignite, and it never goes out until the material is exhausted. It gives the most excruciating pain to the sufferer moreover, and as a moral agency in this particular cannot be excelled. We very cordially recommend our crude petroleum to the British nation in case Lieutenant Palmer's beautiful invention is adopted, warranting it to give the most perfect satisfaction and promising to furnish it at the lowest living prices and in the promptest and most business-like manner.

Screenings.

THE revolution in San Domingo is spreading.

THE health of General Garfield is re-established.

COUNTERFEIT trade dollars are circulating in Boston.

THE police at Gotham continue their war on low variety theatres.

UPPER Michigan is seeking a divorce from the rest of the State.

REV. Thomas K. Beecher's wife is a granddaughter of Noah Webster.

IN 1840 there were 500,000 sheep in Connecticut; there are now 4000.

MURDERS and homicides fill the larger portions of Texas interior journals.

THE Virginia ball-panels is to be changed to the cake of sugars in that State.

THE Italian Government seems to invite a conflict with the Vatican.

HEAVY rains continue in Cuba, to the great damage of the sugar crop.

ENGLISH sparrows have almost driven blue birds from New Jersey towns.

A RESOLUTION permitting women to vote was lost in the Iowa House by 43 to 37.

SEVEN thousand silver dollars were sold at par for the gold at the Philadelphia mint.

THE Pacific railroads owe the Government $33,360,715 38, principal and interest.

THE Prince of Wales is said to be the handsomest man in London, when he has his hat on.

ACCORDING to a paper in Bath, Maine, forty trades are concerned in the building of a ship.

NEBRASKA has one hundred thousand school children indicating a population of 350,000.

THE corner-stone of a Confederate memorial monument is to be laid in Rome, Ga., April 26.

SOTHERN'S hotel-bills run from $800 to $1000 per week, and he has given away $100,000.

THE Catholic press is discussing a proposition to establish an American Catholic University.

FOUR hundred and twenty choirs, including 18,000 voices, will compete at the Paris Exhibition.

THE charge is publicly made that Judge Peck, of Wyoming, appears on the bench with his hair parted in the middle.

THE state law of Texas gives right to shoot down in his tracks the man who has insulted your wife, daughter or sister.

IT now requires eighteen months to obtain a divorce in Georgia. The suit has to pass through three terms of court.

EX-SENATOR Cameron is 79, Judge Kelley 64, Speaker Randall 50, Don Cameron 45, and Senator Wallace 51 years of age.

IT is stated that ex-Secretary Bristow believes that the Democrats of the South and West are going in for repudiation.

SAID Mrs. Partington: "What is all this fuss about rheumatizing silver and this demand for the plumbago of our fathers?"

A farmer out toward the ridge, who bought a kicking cow three weeks ago, already talks of withdrawing from the church.

"I WANT to die in harness," says Alexander H. Stevens. It will be a little difficult to find a harness small enough for the purpose, but it shall be done.

IT IS said that sliding down hill in the evening air has been the direct cause of over six hundred deaths this winter. Always slide down hill in the summer.

STORIES first heard at a mother's knee are never wholly forgotten—a little spring that never quite dries up in our journey through scorching years.

IT TURNS out that a man in Michigan who "lived forty days on water," had plenty of provisions in his boat all the while he was sailing around the lake.

NINE men out of ten, when you run against them in the dark will say, "Hello." The other one will mutter the first syllable and leave you to complete the word.

D. PARKE Washington Curtis writes some verses and calls them a "A Memory." The fellow is probably endeavoring to remember the rest of his name.—But he can't do it.

THE Grasshopper Commission is preparing a book of 500 pages. Now it seems to us that if that book had been printed in the first place, the grasshoppers would never have come.

A NEW-YORK journalist has composed an "Editor's Waltz." An editor's waltz is generally danced to the tune of "More Copy," and the music is generally furnished by the devil.

A RETURNED missionary was recently invited to party, where all the ladies appeared in low cut dresses. Said he to his hosts, "I don't mind it at all; I've spent ten years among the savages."

THE books that collect valuable knowledge into small compass, and do this wisely and thoroughly, are the best books in the world. The same may be said of newspapers.

A CANDID Kentucky editor advances the suggestion that a special tax of $1 on each pistol owned in that State would beat the bell-punch plan for taxation all hollow. He wants to tax 'em by the barrel instead of by the drink.

THE art of advertising is being brought down to a decidedly fine point; and when an agent sends you an inch advertisement to insert at your very lowest rates and accompanies it with a six-inch local notice, which he wants put in for nothing, you can't help but admire his assay of "cheek," and wish you had a gun that would shoot a hundred miles, and kill the fellow you are thinking of, without taking aim

Splinters.

[GATHERED BY SHEARS AND PASTE-POT.]

McMullin & Co., lumber dealers at Montreal, have failed for $100,000.

The heir apparent to the Hawaiian throne has arrived in San Francisco.

Subscriptions to the four per cent. bonds yesterday aggregated to $100,000.

Russia is buying quantities of saltpetre and torpedoes

Sitting Bull has formed with the Sioux and Black Feet.

The saving to the government in the recent mail letting, exceeds $1,000,000.

New York's trade is being diverted from her on account of railroad troubles.

Jesuists are said to be at the bottom of the continual turmoil in Central America.

Guess Uncle Sammy will pay that income tax yet.

Bands of insurgents continue to surrender daily, in Cuba.

"Judge" Johnson and Haskell are now the regular buyers in the Bradford field.

Not a single Montana interest has suffered from Schurz's war on the timber thieves.

The M. E. Conference, at Reading, has expelled Rev. E. D. Kenny from the ministry.

The New Jersey Senate tabled the oil pipe line project, on the ground of unconstitutionality.

Donahue & Roirden, large dry goods, Muskegon, Michigan, have failed for $55,000.

All over the West and Southwest the municipalities are cutting down salaries of officials.

The English Bull has been bellowing for some time, and now the Russian Bear has begun to growl.

The Chicago *Times* announces that "pocket books are worn shorter this season."

John Kelly asks the Attorney General for the discharge of his old friend, Wm. M. Tweed.

A Mr. Freeman, of Girard, Georgia, has a curiosity in the shape of a pig with hoofs like a mule.

Ex-Congressman Schofield, of Pennsylvania, has been nominated for Register of the Treasury.

The difference between a boy and a barn is that the shingles are applied to the roof of a barn.

The friends of Gen. P. E. Conner, of Cal., are uniting to have him appointed Governor of Utah.

Over three hundred animals were added to the Central Park, New York, menagerie last year.

The authorities of Tenn. report that that State has received 2008 settlers from the North during the past ten months.

Mr. Wm. M. Tweed says that he won't go on the witness stand 'till he is released. Hang to it Boss, you'll bring them.

A report is current that oil in considerable quantities has been found near Utica, N. Y.

Of 296 leases on the Quintruple tract between the east and west branches, all but twenty-five are taken.

W. D. Longwell, who lately represented the United Pipe Line at Scrubgrass, now has charge of their station at Duke Center.

Gilmore—he of the big band—is going to Europe on a concert tour, and expects to make his fortune.

The Pope at the next Consistory will complete Cardinal McCloskey's investiture by formally conferring the hat.

A letter from Rio Janeiro reports the loss of the British steamer Astarte, with the captain and thirty of the crew.

Governor Prescott's majority in New Hampshire was 941. The House will stand 205 Republicans, 165 Democrats.

Jas. A. Scranton, of the Scranton *Republican*, has been confirmed as postmaster of the city which bears his name.

The Senate sat down on Mr. Schurz's proposition to introduce into this country the Prussian spy system, by a vote of 42 to 4.

The breath is scarcely out of the body of Register John Allison until the Southern gentlemen of "honah" are demanding the position in the interest of conciliation.

The House Committee on Public Lands will consider the bill to abolish the office of United States Surveyor General in the several States and Territories.

The Danville, Hazelton and Wilkes-Barre Railroad was sold under foreclosure last Wednesday. It was bought by bondholders for $400,000

Anthracite coal production for April has been fixed at 1,125,000 tons, shipments for the same moth last year being 1,712,658 tons.

Graham, who was arrested last week for the murder of Armstrong, in New Jersey, some time ago, confessed that he did the job for $200.

Joseph Sody, the defaulting Treasurer of New Jersey, sentenced to three years in the State Prison, has been pardoned by the Governor.

Mrs. Mary Jane Conry and her daughter while attempting to cross a railroad in advance of a train at Elizabeth, N. J., were run over and killed.

A complimentary reception was tendered Hon. Bayard Taylor by the Goethe Club, New York. The room was filled with distinguished guests.

The committee in charge of the Tariff bill have agreed to reduce rates on anvils, anchors, bar iron, cold rolled iron wire and chains, twenty per cent.

The revenue officials have broken up eleven illicit distilleries in Putnam and White counties, in Tenn., since the 18th of this month.

A recent tornado in Jackson county, Georgia, unroofed a house where lay a corpse, and the attendants left without shelter.

The Rev. J. B. Phinney, formerly Governor of Liberia, is about to sail for Monrovia, where he will take charge of the College of Liberia.

Colonel Wilcox & Olmsted are going to drill an important test well east of Limestone. It will help settle the question of a connecting link between Harrisburg Run and the development at Limestone.

The Turnip Run Oil Company drilled their well on the Bingham lands, southwest of Bradford, to a depth of over 1,500 feet, and then abandoned it. Twenty-five feet of sand with a fair allowance of salt water.

At Dunkirk, last week Friday, the United States Express company transferred from the Atlantic Express, L. S. & M. S. Railroad, to the Erie Railway, nine and a half tons of silver. There were 208 blocks, valued at $350,000.

The work of balasting on the State Line, between Gainesville and Salamanca, is being vigorously prosecuted, and we may reasonably hope that the road will be opened for passenger and freight traffic in the course of a few weeks at the farthest.

Thirteen car loads of silver bullion in one train passed through Hornellsville recently on its way to Philadelphia. During the last month from thirty to forty car loads have passed that station on their way east. The bullion is in the form of bars, similar to those of pig iron. It is shipped by fast freight, word being sent ahead by telegraph to keep the cars moving and not allow them to lay over.

The Bradford *Era* announces another big trade combination, that of all the manufacturers of tubing, casing, line and drive pipe in the United States, who have perfected arrangements by which all of their goods are to be pooled and sold through one agency, to be known as the American Iron Tube Company, limited, with the headquarters at Philadelphia. The arrangement is to take effect on the 20th inst., after which date not a foot of pipe will be sold except for "spot cash."

THE McKEAN MINER.

H. F. Barbour - - - Editor.

Smethport, Pa., March 28, 1878.

THE House had its first struggle over the Tariff bill on Tuesday. The result is not considered favorable to any tariff legislation this season.

THE presence of the railroad and Standard interests is very visible in the progress of the pipe line bill. The latest report is that it was pushed to a third reading loaded with an amendment providing that the line should be "for public use."

THE members of the Republican State Committee were called by the Chairman to meet at Harrisburg yesterday to fix upon a time and place for holding the next Republican State Convention. Up to the time of going to press we have not been able to learn of the decision.

THE President has nominated Hon. Glenni W. Schofield as Register of the Treasury. There is no question as to Judge Schofield's efficiency for the position, but a great many people are wondering in what way the much vaunted Civil Service Reform Policy is glorified by his nomination. Both the Assistant Register and the former Chief Clerk under the Register desired promotion, and their worthiness is not disputed.

ALEX MCCLURE, of the Philadelphia *Times*, occasionally finds time between drinks to get up an editorial paragraph sneering at such of his cotemporaries as happen to be published outside of the large cities. Alex. was once a country newspaper editor, but since he has become to be a city editor, with a dirty reputation, he assumes a lofty contempt of "village newspapers," and improves every occasion to magnify their shortcomings and belittle their merits No doubt these paragraphs and articles are written to please his select circle of beer-guzzling and poker-playing cronies, to whom they are intensely pleasing, and as every one else knows the statements and assumptions therein to be false in every respect, ungenerous and unmanly, it is as well to let him continue the nonsense.

YOUR Democratic official is always a tremendous man, but when he happens to be an ex-rebel, he rises a degree higher in the State. This is shown by the facts revealed in the investigation of the doorkeeper of the House, who has been startling the country with the originality of his administration. Both houses of Congress fix the number of employees in their several departments, limiting the different forces, as near as possible, to the number actually required to do the work. The doorkeeper of the House exceeded his limit by sixty—when warned he denied the right of any interference—and even when a committee was appointed to look into his affairs he kept straight onward, employing any gallant ex-rebel who wanted a place. He created new places—arranged for new service, and acted altogether as if he intended to organize a new government. He could not tell how many men he had in his service, and therefore never was able to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to pay them—but he did know that their salaries were "too small for gentlemen to live on." These things remind one of the good old days of chivalry.

THE GREAT event of the week in Washington was Senator Howe's speech criticizing the President. It was delivered in presence of a full Senate and crowded galleries. The special correspondent of the Buffalo *Express* gives the following brief *resume* of it: "He arraigned the President for direct violation of his oath of office in refusing to aid Governor Packard to quell domestic insurrection. He said the new Southern policy was a surrender of the ballot to the bullet. He gave a graphic account of all the concessions of doughfaces to the Southern oligarchy from the foundation of the Government down to President Hayes's Administration, and was particularly severe on Mr. Hoar and others who were eternally clamoring for more conciliation. His declaration that if Packard was not Governor then Hayes was a usurper, drew a round of applause. When it had subsided, he repeated, with still more emphasis, "Hayes has either usurped the office of President or has aided Nicholls to usurp the office of Governor." He showed at considerable length that President Hayes had injured the cause of universal emancipation and enfranchisement far more than Tilden could have done. He reviewed President Hayes's Civil Service policy and exposed its manifold frauds and inconsistences. Senators Conkling, Jones of Nevada, and other leading members of the Senate sat near Mr. Howe, listening with close attention and evident approval throughout his entire speech. The entire Administration party of both Houses—three Senators and three Representatives—was present, and listened in grim silence. The Democrats manifested the utmost indifference."

CONGRESS and the country is now reaping the effects of Democratic "statesmanship" for partisan purposes. Last fall Pennsylvania and other States rang with the loud boastings of men like Randall and Wallace of the wonderful results of Democratic economy. We were told, and many were made to believe the story was genuine, that a Democratic House had retrenched to the amount of many millions. Now the people are beginning to discover what was the meaning of these wonderful "savings." By a refusal to grant appropriations absolutely needed to provide for necessary expenses of conducting the public business, it was made to appear that a great deal of money had been saved. Now Congress is compelled to make additional appropriations to cover the deficiences thus created, and in many instances the public business has been obstructed to the great inconvenience of the people and detriment to the service. We have a delectable example of the result of this kind of small statesmanship close at hand. By the refusal of the Democratic House, for the purpose of making political capital, to make the necessary appropriations, the entire public along the line of the McK. & B. railroad are deprived for months of the security and despatch in the transportation and delivery of their mails to which they are justly entitled. We do not know how our democratic fellow sufferers may like it; but for our part we *don't* like it.

BROOKS ON SKULLS.

How the Orator of Little Cameron Entertained a Large Audience at Harrisburg—Twisted Lightning Raconteuring—A Dog on a Member's Desk.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Scranton *Republican* thus pictures the Cameron county member: Representative Brooks, of Cameron county, who has frequently distinguished himself by his speeches on the temperance question, lectured on "Skulls" in the hall of the House Tuesday evening, before a large and lively audience. The lecture was intended as a reply to the wicked Bob Ingersoll, and its simple announcement was sufficient to fill the place to overflowing. Mr. Gillespie, of Philadelphia, was chosen chairman, and armed with an immense mallet that looked like a sledge hammer he succeeded in keeping the risibilities or his audience in check, although considerably endangering the speaker's desk, which he frequently smote with Herculean strength. Mr. Brooks was punctual, and precisely at eight o'clock made his debut amid a storm of laughter and applause. His lecture baffles description. His reasoning was as erratic as a freak of forked lightning, his language entirely original, and his propositions and conclusions as symmetrical as a country fence. His audience roared, although it is questionable whether Sunset Cox could have told why they laughed, for there was not half a dozen present who could understand the avalanche of eloquence which the member from Simmahoning poured forth. The gravity of the occasion was frequently disturbed by some ludicrous incident. Somebody overwhelmed the chairman with a coat thrown over his head from the reporters' gallery, and another irreverent wretch struck him on the head with a massive paper wad. A dog was placed on a desk a short distance from the lecturer, and seemed to enjoy the scene, but these things did not upset the equanimity of Mr. Brooks, who pursued his theme. He contrasted Job with Tom Paine and Bob Ingersoll, and thought the latter was thick-skulled and lacking that inspiration which called forth the lamentations. The orator paid a glowing tribute to lovely women, and in this connection exhausted the vocabulary of euphonious words, and was sorry because there were not more. At the close of the lecture Mr. Eberhart, of Beaver, presented Mr. Brooks with a unique bouquet, consisting of a branch of hemlock festooned with yellow ribbons. It was a gorgeous affair, and well might Mr. Brooks say, "I feel felicitated" as he accepted it. He seemed slightly embarrassed, but finally managed to indulge in the hope that the time was not far distant when the skulls of his hearers might be reposing under the "unfading evergreen——" Here he seemed stuck for a word to finish, but the chairman came to his relief by saying "that's all right," and Mr. Brooks sat down amid a storm of applause.

Bad Civil Service Reform Agents.

A part of the hostility to Secretary Schurz's timber policy in the Territories has grown out of the character of some of the men he has employed as agents. The notorious Hester, already referred to, is a native of North Carolina. He was a sailor on board the pirate Alabama, under Semmes. He was said to have murdered a man in an Italian port, and Semmes dismissed him as too bad a character for the Confederate Navy.—Since the war he has been all things on all sides—preacher and layman, Republican and Democrat, Kuklux, and then betrayer of the Klan. Mr. Schurz has picked him up as an agent, and his course throughout the South has certainly been indefensible, if not infamous. He is said to have driven one man from his homestead in Florida, and entered it for himself at the Land Office. To make sure that he was discovering great frauds on the Government land in Florida, he reported that he found three thousand wood-choppers on the Government lands, and so many vessels loading with stolen timber at Pensacola that it required 2,800 stevedores to attend to their cargoes. As the total population of Pensacola scarcely exceeds 5,000—embracing only about 1,000 male adults—the 2,800 stevedores was a tremendous draft upon the faith of even the most credulous of Secretaries. But Mr. Schurz has seemed ready to believe any bad report, and so he accepted as official and trustworthy this laughable absurdity, resting solely on the word of such a man as Hester.

Another of Mr. Schurz's agents in the timber business is A. B. Newcombe, who was so discreditably mixed up with the shameful plot of the Washington Safe Burglary. He was the close confederate of Nettleship in that whole business, and did some of the work in the conspiracy. His participation in that iniquity is spread out full length in a report to the Senate by an investigating committee, and Newcombe's merciless examination on the witness-stand by Senator Sherman is freshly remembered in Washington to this day. This is the scoundrel who was sent out to prosecute settlers on the public lands at the West. Friends of Mr. Schurz have taken pains to explain these facts to him, so that the appointment and support of these men cannot be regarded as an inadvertence.—N. Y. *Tribune.*

THE Utica *Herald* relates that a popular doctor of that city, while escorting a lady home the other evening attempted to relieve her cough and sore throat by giving her a trouche. He told her to allow it to dissolve gradually in her mouth. No relief was experienced and the doctor felt chagrined the next day when the lady sent him a pantaloon button with a note, saying he must have given her the wrong kind of a trouche, and might need this one.

PHILADELPHIA was visited by a disastrous fire on Monday evening, by which thirty business houses were burned or damaged. The fire broke out in the paint and drug warehouse of Wampole & Co. Fourth Street, and the flames spread rapidly. The loss is estimated at not less than a million.

Personal and Political.

SECRETARY Sherman is something of an acrobat in his attitude on the silver question.

BAYARD TAYLOR, our Minister to Berlin, is six feet tall and weighs two hundred pounds.

A Chinese consul, with a salary of $18,000 a year, is to arrive at San Francisco soon.

JOHN ALLISON, register of the treasury, died suddenly, Saturday, of apoplexy. Patent Commissioner Spear has resigned.

THE postal investigation is discovering plenty of frauds in Arkansas mail contracts.

RHODE ISLAND Democrats have gone through the annual motion of nominating a State ticket.

HAMPTON has laid plans so well, that he thinks South Carolina will want him another term.

THE late Pope was no classical scholar. His Latin, though fluently written, was incorrect, and of Greek he knew little or nothing.

WOODRUFF and CLAFLIN are daily expected back from Europe to testify in the Vanderbilt will case. Their evidence will be rich, if not savory.

THE Virginia liquor sellers have got the hang of the machine, and there is a great falling off in the profits of the Moffat punch.

THE usury bill as passed finally in the House, forbids the taking of more than six per cent. interest, and applies to all persons, corporations, companies, associations, etc.

AN excess of thirty-four cents in fractional notes was the only discrepancy in the millions of money lying in the sub-Treasury vaults of New York city, after the recent counting.

ALL honest war claims should have been presented to Congress many years ago. The chances are as a thousand to one that the Congressman who votes against a new claim will be protecting the Treasury from a steal.

IT is believed that Congress can pass all the Appropriation bills within the next six weeks, but there is no hope of final adjournment before August, notwithstanding the prayers of the whole people for an earlier date.

THE most definite results of the Democratic investigations at Washington are the catching of two Democratic Doorkeepers and a Democratic clerk of a Committee on Claims. We suspect there are yet other Democratic rascals to be caught.

THE bill to divide Luzerne county has passed the House finally by a vote of 131 to 20. The measure is a wise one and is commended by all who know under what difficulties the city of Scranton now labors. There is no doubt of its success in the Senate.

THE Louisiana Legislature leaves a miserable record behind it. Instead of reducing taxation, it has doubled it. Instead of reform, it has done more; to paralyze industry, and morality as well, than all other previous Legislatures ever did. It has disgusted both parties, and it leaves a strong smell of rottenness behind it.

IT having been reported that Congressman Leonard, of La., who went to Cuba to visit the lady he was engaged to marry and died there, was poisoned, Secretary Evarts will have the circumstances of his death investigated. Mr. Leonard's colleagues, Messrs. Gibson and Ellis, do not credit the poisoning story, as they say all the symptoms indicate yellow fever.

TWO Democratic House Journal Clerks have come to grief. Smith, of New-Hampshire, appointed three years ago, was expelled for lobbying in pension claims, and now Smith, of Michigan, the present incumbent, is under the harrow for similar crookedness. His case is very much worse than that of Belknap, but the Democratic committee is not making any fuss about it whatever.

WHEN Hon. Robert W. Mackey was Treasurer of Pennsylvania he lost one hundred and sixty thousand dollars of the State funds, deposited with Charles T. Yerkes of Philadelphia, every dollar of which he made good to the State.—Gen. McCandless Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Gen. Temple, Auditor General, lost a comparatively small sum of money through the failure of Dougherty Brothers, Harrisburg, and now they are before the Legislature praying to have their loss rolled upon the State.

News of the Week.

THE tobacco factory of John I Nicks, Elmira, N. Y., was destroyed by fire last week Friday. Fully insured,

THE Elk *Democrat* states that on Monday of last week forty barrels of pigeons were shipped to New York from Sheffield.

JOHN L. VANCE, a Democratic ex-Congressman of Ohio, is missing, and is believed to have been murdered by an ex-Confederate soldier. Vance was a newspaper man and a Union soldier.

THE office of Collector of Customs for Alaska is vacant again, Col. Woods, the recent appointee having been drowned on his way. The pay of the position is but $2,500, and there is no overplus of fit persons on the list of applicants.

COL. SCOTT says the Pennsylvania Railroad Company lost two million dollars at Pittsburgh by the last July riots.—This in one city. The total loss, at that rate, would be something less than the national debt.

THE most extensive famine ever known now prevails in Northern China, and there seems no help for the sufferers. Instead of being checked it is spreading, and whole provinces will be devastated. The number of persons who will die of privation will apparently be vastly greater than the total population of the United States.

THE Bank of Chemung, Elmira, closed its doors on Friday of last week. This bank was considered one of the soundest institutions of the State, and was very popular with depositors of small means. The assets will realize from forty to fifty cents on the dollar.

PRESIDENT VANDERBILT, of the Central Hudson railroad, has issued an order increasing the hours of labor in the various shops and reducing the force one-fourth.

THE Senate has confirmed the nomination of Wm. G. Choate to be District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Voice of the Press.

From the Reading Eagle, Dem.]

Remember that the patent medicine cure-all platform of the Democracy last year lost the party thousands of votes, and the people are entirely too smart to be humbugged by politicians.

From the New York Tribune]:

Mr. Tilden is credited with the eminently sound observation that he does not see that any good can result from the further agitation of this question of Mr. Hayes's title to the Presidency. This would seem to be tantamount to an announcement that the wire between Gramercy Park and New-Orleans has been cut.

From the Buffalo Express]:

The exports from this country to Europe last week were at the rate of a thousand millions a year. Never was the balance of trade so persistently and so largely in our favor. We could not help growing rapidly rich, busy and prosperous, if we could by some good chance abolish Congress. That mass of ignorance and demagogism, clothed with despotic power, began to look like an insurmountable barrier to the national growth.

From the Williamsport Bulletin.]:

Business men can get at least a grain of comfort from a statement of a prominent senator who is a member of the finance committee. He says: "Three things may be depended on—that the resumption act will not be repealed at this session; that the issue of silver bullion certificates will not be authorized, and that the tariff will not be revised." This senator is said to be a silver man and a revenue reformer, and entitled to speak for his colleagues of those schools.

From the Phila. North American, Rep.]

Every breeze from Washington wafts a warning to the people. The voice of the old taskmaster rises above the din of contending factions, and the Democracy, intent though it be on making the most of the gleanings it enjoys, is not so busy that it does not hear that voice, nor burdened with so much pride and independence that it does not obey with all its old time alacrity. The people had better understand that the Democratic leaders in the North will no more think of resisting the meditated raid of the South on the Treasury than they thought of resisting Southern treason eighteen years ago.

From the Pittsburgh Telegraph]:

The Philadelphia *Times* sneers at the country editors, saying: "Editors who are willing to take a gallon of apple jack, or an aged turkey, for a year's subscription, ought not to grumble" about the appearance of the new dollar. It is so short a time since the editors of the *Times* were promoted from rural journalism that their supply of apple jack is not yet exhausted, and in their coops are turkeys which long ago shifted into the age of the lean and slippered pantaloon. The editors should sympathize with rural journalists, especially when attempting to masticate the drumsticks of those superannuated fowls.

From The Troy Times]:

With a Democratic majority in both Houses of Congress, and a President to match in the White House, the Southern conspiracy to bleed the National Treasury will prove a complete success. The most astonishing thing about the whole is the complacency with which the country looks upon this gigantic attempt at public robbery. There seems to be no limit to the audacity of the South, and, instead of stealing out on this raid covertly, it goes forth with drums beating and hammers flying, confident of success, and likely to realize its expectations. Is this game of "getting even" to be played through as it has been begun? If not, loyal men will have to go to work without delay.

From The Pittsburgh Chronicle]:

Anybody who will take the trouble to figure up the total Greenback-Labor vote in the State at the late election, will experience little difficulty in perceiving the narrow margins left the other parties.—A few thousand more one way or other will determine which of the two parties is to dominate the State. So that the whole matter simply resolves itself into the question whether the National party will poll a larger vote than that polled at the last State election, and whether that vote will be strongest in what are now recognized as Republican or Democratic districts. Disguise it as they may, the politicians of Pennsylvania never had more cause for uneasiness concerning the result of the next canvass than they will find in estimating the strength of the new element in Pennsylvania politics.

From the Buffalo Express, Rep.]:

There is a rumor abroad in Pennsylvania that the Cameron influence will place State Senator Dill on the Democratic ticket for Governor and allow him to be elected, and that the Democrats will in return assent to the return of Senator Don Cameron for another term. The story derives a color of probability from the well-known fact that the Cameron influence is as potential in Democratic councils in that singular State as in Republican; but it is upset by the other and even better-known fact, that the Camerons have never yet betrayed the Republican party, and those who know them best do not believe they ever will. But the sagacious Don *might* carry out the indicated programme if he desired, and its possibility gives political quid-nuncs all the foundation they desire for assuming it to be positively agreed upon.

THE Democracy in Carbon, Lehigh and Berks counties are in arms against the Wood tariff. Hiester Clymer was compelled to return home and aid in their pacification. For the first time, the very first time we may write, these people begin to see the folly of entrusting the direction of the Government to a party which is ready to use its vast powers to break down the free labor of the North, and at the same time empty the National Treasury into the South. The great iron and coal interests of these regions, by which so many thousands of people are kept in employment, and so many millions of dollars floated in business, are threatened with vital injury by the Democratic party. It is not alone Fernando Wood, but the Democratic party restored to power in the House, which is doing this thing, and whenever that party has power it will repeat what it is now attempting to perform on the subject of free trade. Mr. Clymer may hoodwink and bamboozle his constituents, but he knows that the power which controls the House, or rather his party, is hostile to every Northern interest, and will strike at the protection of American industry whenever and wherever it can get a blow in. When the Republican party controls Congress it is never necessary for the workingmen of the country to meet in crowds and beseech it not to ruin them. By no act or deed has the Republican party ever sent such a panic through the labor market as prevails there now, caused by the tampering of a Democratic majority in the popular branch of Congress on the subject of the Tariff.—This speaks volumes. The workingman who cannot appreciate such facts, does not understand his own interests. He sees now that his resolute enemy is the Democratic party, because it strikes him when he is down.

A SHREWD patent medicine man has been chasing Alexander H. Stephens around for three months, trying to draw a head on him with a pocket camera.—He wants him for a preface to his advertisement to illustrate "before taking."

"THIS man was telephoned to death," will be shortly written on somebody's tombstone.

Miscellaneous.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on Monday, April 15th, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m. I will make an application to the Hon. Wm. W. Williams, at Smethport, Pa., for the incorporation of the Bradford Oil Exchange, under the provisions of the act of Assembly made and provided.

O. A. BERRY,
15-22 3t Atty. for Applicants.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Health and Happiness are priceless Wealth to their possessors, and yet they are within the reach of every one who will use

WRIGHT'S LIVER PILLS,

The only sure CURE for Torpid Liver, Dyspepsia, Headache, sour Stomach, Constipation, Debility, Nausea, and all Bilious complaints and Blood disorders. None genuine unless signed "Wm. Wright, Phila." If your Druggist will not supply send 25 cents for one box to Harrick, Reiter & Co., 70 N. 4th St. Phila. 15-22 1y

NEW MEAT MARKET.

In the basement of the Wright House,

SMETHPORT, PA.

The undersigned having purchased of Wm. Ogilvie the good will and fixtures of his meat market would respectfully announce to the citizens of Smethport that they are prepared to furnish

FRESH AND SALT MEATS,

Fish, Lard, etc.,

as low as the market will allow. An inspection of goods and prices is invited.

F. O. & A. WRIGHT.
Proprietors.

L. M. RAUB,
Surgeon Dentist,
Bolivar, All. Co. N. Y.

TEETH EXTRACTED comparatively WITHOUT PAIN.

By the use of Dr. Von Bonhorst's Anæsthetic.

Twenty years of continued and successful practice warrants me in promising full satisfaction.

Parties wishing dental services at their homes can be accommodated promptly by dropping me a postal card.

Legal.

Assignee's Bankrupt Sale.

VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY IN PORT ALLEGANY PA., WITH PERSONAL EFFECTS OF BANKRUPT FOR SALE.

By virtue of an order issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and to me directed, I as assignee of the estate of E. D. Slingerland, Bankrupt, (case No. 2727) shall expose at public sale or outcry, on the premises in the village of Port Allegany, McKean county, Pennsylvania, on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1878,

at one o'clock p. m. the following described contiguous parcels of real estate, taken and to be sold as one lot: Beginning at a post the south west corner of lands conveyed to M. A. Lillibridge by A. N. Lillibridge, thence by north line of lands of Wyram A. Wright south sixty degrees west thirty-nine feet to the northwest corner of said land of Wyram A. Wright, thence north fifteen degrees west 148 feet to a post at the south corner of land conveyed to Nathan Palmer to M. A. Lillibridge; thence south 30 degrees east 142 feet to place of beginning.

ALSO—Beginning at a post standing north 15 degrees west 148 ft. from the southeast corner of the Hotel lot of Nathan Palmer, deceased, and being part of said lot; thence north 24 degrees west 57 feet, thence north 30 degrees west 91 feet to the centre of the street; thence by centre of street north 60 degrees east 26 feet to corner of M. A. Lillibridge lands; thence south 30 degrees east 67 feet to south corner of same; thence south 15 degrees east 81 feet to place of beginning.

Entire quality contained in the parcels being 30 7-10 square perches, being part of square No. 1 of the general plot of said village, and having erected thereon a two story frame building suitable for a store and dwelling combined; size 24x40 feet with additions and out-buildings.

To be sold free from and discharged of all liens and incumbrances.

Terms of sale as fixed by the court are—one-fourth cash at time of sale, one-fourth in six months, one-fourth in nine months, and the last one in twelve months from day of sale, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum and deferred payments to be secured by bond and mortgage upon the said property so sold.

ALSO—At same time and place the following personal effects: One bill and table with fixtures, one bagatelle table with fixtures, a quantity of chairs and saloon fixtures; a stock of pipes, &c., and 14 boxes of choice cigars. Personal property to be sold for cash in hand on day of sale.

S. W. SMITH, Assignee.
Port Allegany, Pa., March 19, 1878.—15-22-4t

Auditor's Report

OF THE

Finances of McKean County For 1877.

W. A. YOUNG, commissioner of McKean county in account with said county for the year 1877:

	DR.	CR.
To orders drawn in his favor	$ 164 00	
Balance due commissioner	10 47	$ 173 47
	CR.	
By 52 days' services at $3 per day	156 00	
expenses paid	9 47	
am't due com'rs at last settlement	9 00	$ 173 47

BENJ. BUNKER, commissioner of McKean county in account with said county for the year 1877:

	DR.	CR.
To orders drawn in his favor	$ 174 78	
Balance due commissioner	22 50	$ 197 28
	CR.	
By 59 days' services at $3 per day	177 00	
expenses paid	20 50	
am't due com'rs at last settlement	9 78	197 28

ORLANDO GALLUP, commissioner of McKean county in account with said county for the year 1877:

	DR.	CR.
To orders drawn in his favor	$ 203 28	
Balance due commissioner	19 0	$ 222 28
	CR.	
By 69 days' services at $3 per day	$207 00	
expenses paid	20 00	
am't due com'r at last settlement	5 28	232 28

We, the Auditors of McKean county, having examined the accounts and vouchers of the several commissioners of said county for the year 1877 do find them as above stated. Witness our hands and seals at Smethport this 10th day of January, A. D. 1878

O. D. COLEMAN, [seal]
J. L. BEAN. [seal]

A. H. MEDBERY, Treasurer of McKean county in account with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the year 1877:

Retailers' Licenses.

	DR.	CR.
To amount of licenses		$ 1637 00
Balance due county Treasurer	$ 5 05	1073 05
		CR.
By commission on $1600 at 5 per cent	80 00	
By commission on $37 at 1 per cent	37	
paid for publishing list Apr 2, 1877	210 00	
" " St. Treasurer Apr. 4, '77	570 00	
" " " May 12, "	5 05	
" " " July 5, "	700 15	
" " " Oct 4, "	16 50	
" " " Jan. 2, '78	2 85	1073 05

Tavern Licenses.

	DR.	CR.
To balance due St. Treas. as per last report	97 50	
amount of licenses	2250 00	2077 50
	CR.	
By commission on $1650 at 5 per cent.	80 00	
" " " 1 per ct.	10 00	
" " " $50 at 1½ "	75	
amount paid St. Treas. Feb 22, 1877	97 50	
" " " Apr 4 '77	712 50	
" " " July 5, "	475 00	
" " " Oct 4, "	700 00	
" " " Jan. 2, '78	42 25	2077 50

Liquor Licenses.

	DR.	CR.
To amount of licenses		400 00
	CR.	
By commission on $400 at 5 per cent	20 00	
am't paid St. Treas. Apr 4, '77,	332 50	
" " " July 5, "	47 50	400 00

Eating House and Restaurant Licenses.

	DR.	CR.
To amount of licenses	133 00	
Balance due county Treasurer	25 50	163 50
	CR.	
By commission on $135 at 5 per cent	6 75	
am't paid St. Treas. Apr. 4, '77,	144 50	
" " " July 5, "	14 25	163 50

Billiard Licenses.

	DR.	CR.
To amount of licenses		270 00
	CR.	
By commission on $270 at 5 per cent	13 50	
am't due Co. Treas. as per last report	10 34	
" paid St. Treas. Feb. 23, '77,	30 34	
" " " July 5, "	66 50	
" " " Oct. 4, "	123 50	
" " " Jan. 2, 1878	38 00	
" due State Treasurer	7 82	270 00

Auctioneers' Licenses.

	Dr.	CR.
To amount of licenses		$ 50
	CR.	
By com. on $9 30 at 5 per cent.	47	
am't paid St. Treas. July 5, '77,	2 85	
" " " Oct. 4 "	6 18	9 50

Theatres and Menagories licenses.

	DR.	CR.
To amount of licenses		60 00
	CR.	
By com. on $60 at 5 per cent.	3 00	
am't paid St. Treas. July 5, '77,	57 00	60 00

Tax on loans.

	DR.	CR.
To am't of tax on $29 500 Co. bonds		88 50
	CR.	
By com. on $88 at 5 per cent.	4 42	
am't paid St. Treas. Jan 2, '78,	84 08	88 50

We, the Auditors of McKean county having examined the accounts and vouchers of A. H. Medbery, Treasurer, in account with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the year A. D. 1877, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals at Smethport, this 8th day of January, A. D. 1878

O. D. COLEMAN, [seal]
J. L. BEAN. [seal]

Auditor's Report.

A. H. MEDBERY, treasurer of McKean county in account with the school funds of said county for the year 1877:

Annin Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	472 00	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	197 00	
Balance due fund	270 00	467 00

Bradford Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	161 66	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	164 66	

Ceres Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	58 92	
Balance due fund	66 58	
Corydon Township.	DR.	
To am't due fund at last settlement	138 59	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	138 59	

Eldred Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	24 42	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	24 42	

Hamlin Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	49 09	
Balance due fund	49 09	
Hamilton Township.	DR.	
To am't due fund at last settlement	212 00	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	202 00	
Balance due fund	10 00	212 00

Keating Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	124 52	
Balance due fund	225 52	
Lafayette Township.	DR.	
To am't due fund at last settlement	145 65	
Balance due fund	145 65	
Liberty Township.	DR.	
To am't due fund at last settlement	223 75	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	223 75	

Norwich Township.

	DR.	CR.
To am't due fund at last settlement	400 85	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	91 58	
Balance due fund	309 27	400 85

Liberty Township.

	DR.	CR.
To amount due fund at last settlement	92 52	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	90 92	
Balance due fund	1 60	92 52

Norwich Township.

	DR.	CR.
To amount due fund at last settlement	155 11	
Balance due fund	155 11	
Otto Township.	DR.	
To amount due fund at last settlement	20 11	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	2 00	
Balance due fund	27 11	20 11

Sergeant Township.

	DR.	CR.
To amount due fund at last settlement	2025 84	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	1942 65	
Balance due fund	282 19	2025 84

Wetmore Township.

	DR.	CR.
To amount due fund at last settlement	1687 79	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	1314	
Balance due fund	373 72	
POOR ACCOUNT.		
Annin Township.	DR.	
To amount due fund at last settlement	68 23	
	CR.	
By orders paid in	68 23	

Auditor's Report.

Ceres Township.

	DR.	CR.
To amount due fund at last settlement		1 65
By orders paid in		1 65

Bradford Township.

	DR.	CR.
To amount due fund at last sett

THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., March 28, 1878.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST—J. C. WHITMORE, pastor. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 9 a. m., and Preaching at 10½ a. m. and 7 p. m. Class Meeting at 12½ p. m. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evenings at 7 p. m.

Preaching at Norwich and at Cole Creek at 2 p. m. every alternate Sabbath.

BAPTIST—O. J. RUSE, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m. and at 7½ p. m. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Preaching once in two weeks at the Hafner School House

EPISCOPAL—H. Q. MILLER, Rector. Services on the 2d and 4th Sunday of each month at 10½ a. m. and 7½ p. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. J. F. SMITH, pastor. Mass at 11 a.m. Service at 11 30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Services on each alternate Sunday at Smethport and Clermont.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY

President Judge—H. W. Williams, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.

Associate Judges—W. S. F. Wilson, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.
Associate Judges—W. S. Brownell, Smethport; I. N. Burnham, Eldred.

District Attorney—P. R. Cotter, Port Allegany.

Sheriff—C. S. King, Smethport.

Prothonotary—C. K. Sartwell, Smethport. *Deputy*—J. R. Chadwick.

County Treasurer—W. D. Gallup, Smethport.

Commissioners—Bel Bunker, Oswayo; Gallup, Wm. A. Young.

County Clerk—Jno. R. Chadwick, Smethport.

Auditors—C. D. Coleman, J. L. Bean, M. W. Fisher.

Register, Deeds of Court,—Fourth Monday in February and September, and third Monday of June and December.

Here and Hereabouts.

—Hon. C. H. Foster was in town on Monday.

—The roads are almost impassable up Knapp's Creek.

—They have a crooked hole in the Gilmor well, Digel farm, in second sand.

—Bro. Hughes, of the *Reporter*, was in town on Tuesday, on business intent.

—The Cameron county Representative seems to be creating a sensation at Harrisburg.

—The directors of the O. B. & W. R. R. have decided to build a branch to Duke Center.

—J. C. Horton, of Tioga, has been appointed bank assessor for the counties of Tioga, Potter and McKean.

—The late cold snap was an unpleasant surprise to the festive tramp, but the coal dealer did not grumble.

—The attention of our Knapp's Creek correspondent is directed to the card from J. S. Anderson elsewhere.

—J. M. Fuller has purchased the A.K. Johnson homestead, in Bradford, consisting of a small, old fashioned cottage and lot 81x165, for $10,000. Rather outlotted.

—The United States Express Company have withdrawn their messenger on the O B & W. Narrow Gauge road leaving the American Company in undisturbed possession.

—Has anybody seen anything of a villainous looking tramp prowling about our back streets trying to find the Haskill well. He is harmless, however. It is no one but "Mac," of the Oil City *Derrick*.

—O P. Taylor and Mr. Fuller, of Wellsville, were among the pleasant callers at the MINER office last week. They were looking about, like many others, for an opportunity to invest in the Smethport oil territory.

—Four professional tramps demanded food and lodging of Postmaster Waller Monday evening, and were told to move on to the next town, as the Legislature had not yet granted an appropriation for their support!

—Hon. L. Rogers made a flying visit home Saturday, returning Monday. His duties as Journal Clerk of the Senate are very confining, and after almost 21 years of service are getting to be a good deal of a bore.

—We have no hesitancy in declaring, without fear of successful contradiction, that the Buffalo *Express* is the best and ablest newspaper in the city of Buffalo, and, as far as our observation extends, in the State of New York.

—It seems we were misinformed in regard to the cause of the death of Geo. Zeigler, of Kane, as stated in our last issue. Instead of being accidentally killed by the cars, it is stated that he committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

—The following officers were elected at the recent first election of our sister borough of Kendall: Burgess, J. S. Fisher. Councilmen, J. O'Neill, C. A. Corneu, O. M. Cook, George Smith, Chas. H. Knox, and C. W. Staats. Fisher was elected over J. M. Welch by two majority.

—Cols Wilcox and Gilmor were in town Tuesday looking after the Haskill well Both honored the MINER office with a call, and expressed themselves satisfied with the developments at the well, although it may not at the start be as heavy a producer as they were in hopes.

—Doc. Earley has sent each one of the Elk county editors a sample of the new silver dollar, and the boys are foolish enough to advertise the possession of so much money for the benefit of their creditors, by returning their thanks for the same. Better to have kept still about it.

—Stowell's *Reporter* gives the daily production of oil during February at 39,102 barrels; crude on hand in all the districts, 3,875,664 barrels; producing wells, 8,725 drilling, 320; dry holes, 38. Total shipments from region, crude and refined, 774,284 barrels.

—The following chunk of wisdom is worth repeating: "Several newspapers keep a man who does little else but grumble about the hard work of an editorial life. Why don't these fellows get some other kind of job, then? An editor who doesn't enjoy his work has no business at an editor's desk."

—Judging from the editorials and selections in the McKean *Miner*, Barbour does not take any more kindly to the Hayes administration than Gould, of the Cameron *Press*, does.—Elk *Gazette*.

Your conclusions are very correct, neighbor, showing you to be a gentleman of remarkably keen perceptions.

—On Saturday night last, the large farm house on the Taylor farm, half mile west of our borough, which is occupied by J W Stark, came very near being consumed by fire, but after a most desperate struggle the flames (which had got well under way) were extinguished. It is supposed that the fire originated from the kitchen stove, and Warren allows it was one of those "calls" that he doesn't appreciate at all.

—It is rumored that Mr. Haskill is negotiating for the sale of his hotel.

—An ignorant "dipper" has already dipped six barrels of oil about the Haskill well.

—Peet, the "man on wing" of the Olean *Record* was in town this morning, looking for the Haskill well.

—The demand for business places in this borough is getting to be considerably brisk and greater than the supply.

—It is reported that vast numbers of pigeons are flying across the head of Potatoe Creek, and the boys are hourly expecting their debut in this vicinity.

—The Bradford *Era* of Tuesday does justice to the Haskill well, only a little too much of it. The figures as to the quantity of oil are a "little shteep," and rather more than we have claimed.

—Dr. L. M. Read, Surgeon Dentist, will be at the Bennett House, in this borough on Wednesday and Thursday, April 3d and 4th, when and where he will fill all orders for dental work.

—Circumstances have compelled Dr. Lewis to change the date of his next visit to Smethport. He will be here (at the Wright House) on the 1st day of April, instead of the 8th as previously advertised.

—Henry Beiver has retired from his position in the staff of the Bennett House employees. He has been an attachee of the house many years, serving the interests of his employer faithfully and honorably and it will be difficult to fill his place. He intends going right to work building a house on his lot on Water street—which must mean business of some kind.

—The news of the Haskill well strike has reached Wellsville, as we should judge from the following in the *Reporter* of that place of last week:

At Smethport, McKean county, a good well was developed on Tuesday. This territory was abandoned about a year ago, but now comes to the front, giving new excitement to operators. It develops a new and important oil field. The greatest excitement prevails. On Tuesday evening our towns man Mr. O P. Taylor received this characteristic dispatch from the widely known and popular landlord at Smethport:—

"Will sell my hotel for $20,000, and warrant a ten barrel well

WM. HASKILL.

—The Bradford *Era* gets off a yarn in its Monday issue about having been shown two specimens of oil from the Haskill well, one of which it calls the "second sand oil" and characterizes it as "a very nice amber," while "the third sand produces an oil of a dirty black appearance, and a very offensive odor" all of which is certainly news to every one who knows anything about the oil produced. Some wag has evidently "sold" the *Era* badly.

—The P. O. Department explains that the cause of the discontinuing of the services of mail messenger on the McKean & Buffalo Railroad is the lack of sufficient appropriation to pay the salary.—Another instance of the beauties of the mismanagement and stupid tomfoolery of the Democratic House. Mr. Vail, Superintendent of the railway mail service, has promised that the McK. & B. messenger shall be the first one replaced as soon as the appropriation is made. He fully understands the merits of the case, but is powerless while the ex-confederates hold the purse strings, and deem it of more importance to pay the claims of rebel mail contractors than the expense of northern mail service.

The Haskill Well.

There is but little of real news to report from the Haskill well this week. The drill has been kept at work at intervals, with care and caution, still in a good sand which continues to improve. There has been some delay in getting the tubing, which was expected last (Wednesday) evening, but failed to arrive through the neglect of the railroad authorities. It will be here to-day. As soon as they are through this sand the well will be pumped out and a torpedo put in (which is already here.) It would be folly to stop the drill so long as the sand continues, and as improving in quality. We believe the well is now in careful and honest hands, and will be made to do all it is worth. It may not prove to be but a small pumper, but we are personally assured by well known and experienced operators in whom we have the utmost confidence, and who have examined the oil and the sand, that this well opens up an entirely new oil belt; that the sand and the oil is unlike anything yet found in the Northern Oil Field; and that the depth and quality of the sand as well as the superior quality of the oil proves beyond a question the existence of a very valuable oil territory in this vicinity.

An Unreliable Correspondent.

"Mac," one of the reporters of the Oil City *Derrick*, telegraphed to that paper that he visited the Haskill well on *Sunday last*, and that there was nothing in the hole but gas and water!

This dispatch was heralded forth to the world among the special telegrams of the *Derrick*. The *Derrick* claims to be an "organ of oil," and desires to have the public believe that its reports are from reliable and trustworthy reporters. But if this is a sample instance and this fellow "Mac," is a sample of their "reliable" reporters, the public should be advised to take *Derrick* reports with a large grain of allowance. The dispatch referred to is plainly a deliberately concocted lie.—If he visited the Smethport well on Sunday, as he says, (and we don't believe he was within twenty miles of it,) he could not get inside of the derrick unless he broke in, which it is probable he would not have hesitated to do if he thought he would not be caught at it. But if he was here at all he evidently went away as ignorant as he came, or willfully lied about it, for there was nothing in "appearances or the best information obtainable," as he states, that would warrant the assertion that "there is evidently nothing in the well but gas and water." Whatever may prove to be the ultimate production of this well, every one knows that statement to be false.

Treasurer's Sales—Errata.

The following addition to the list of Treasurer's sales were handed in for publication this week:

Wts.	sub	Acres	Owner	Tax
		HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.		
2372		530	H Hamlin	107 25
2373		67	do	13 09
2374		100	do	19 50
2375		HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.		
2285	117	235	H Hamlin	32 63
		WETMORE.		
2371	181	112 1-2	H Hamlin	25 00
2371	182	225	do	53 29
		OTTO.		
2205		35	Baldwin & Lovejoy	4 86

Local Correspondence.

From Knapp's Creek.

PRENTISS VALE, March 27, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miner:

I have just completed my weekly tour in canvassing the great oil district of Knapp's Creek Valley, and have also made a small venture over the hill to Bradford via Red Rock on the N. G. R. R. Business about that region is quite brisk and progressive.

Some foolish fellow made an attempt at burglarizing the depot office at Red Rock last night by taking out a pane of glass, and having made an entrance succeeded in prying open the drawer and obtained a bogus half dollar, a shoe blush, and clock that was attached to the partition or wall of the office. He took time by the forelock and made his escape.

The Narrow Gauge is rather rough yet but a gang of men are engaged in leveling and filling up so as to make the track more solid and secure. If the prices charged on this road do not pay the expense of keeping it up, with a good revenue besides, your correspondent must be greatly mistaken in his estimate.

I observed from an exterior view that the morally enterprising citizens of Bradford have made a great improvement in the old Baker block by the erection of the beautiful church edifice—the Methodist Church—which is really an ornament to the city, and we judge from appearances that the services meet the demands of the people.

Taking the up train on my return I got off at the romantic town, or station, called Bell's camp, which is near the summit, and by the way, I think is much the best route for footmen from Bradford way to take, as there is a good, new-made dugway up to the top of the hill where they are hauling supplies and stuff over to the head of Tramroad hollow, where there are some boarding houses strung along at proper distances. Mr. Vanvleck has an office in one of them, which is now his well. There are in this locality about a dozen wells, one of which is called the Chamber's well, known as the big gas well and doing, as I am told, about 10 barrels.

Meldrum has a well near by which is nearly down and run by the gas.

John Marcum has two wells drilling, and two or three more in progress.

The Dunkark Oil Company have two wells near this point that are said to be doing over 20 barrels each. These are just above the big iron tank.

It is said that the New York Co. have surveyed and located a route from Knapp's Creek station down along the ridge, on the point extending to Duke Center, and propose, if the operators and others interested will turn out, they will join them in cutting and clearing the timber out for the road.

I have information from Elmira that the company who has a lease on the Lovejoy and M. G. Dennis farms had just completed their arrangements for operations, (having already a rig up on the former,) but their money in the Chemung Bank which failed last week. This probably will set them back so that the lease on the Dennis farm will be forfeited before they could complete the first well.

Everything on the railroad branch and in Oil Valley and about Duke Centre is as prosperous as could be expected, except that the portable steam saw-mill is retarded somewhat by breaking of the engine pipes, and one dry hole reported on Kansas Branch.

There are several wells due but have not time now to speak of them in detail.

I am informed that everything is encouraging about Rixford.

There was a special meeting of the M. E. Quarterly Conference held last Friday evening at Larrabee for the purpose of electing trustees to build a church at that place. The following persons were chosen, viz: W. Miller, E. J. Moody, C. J. Foster, D. C. Young, W. H. Hudson, S. F. Tuller, and Philetus Harris. A building committee was also elected, consisting of Mr. and Mrs D. C. Young, J. J. Thompson, Gilbert Moody, C. B. Stull, W. E. Windsor and Joseph Stull. Mr. D. C. Young has proposed to give the ground, which is a very pleasant location, between the road and McK. & B. R. R.

DELTA

A Card For "Delta."

DUKE CENTER, March, 23, 1878.

To the Editor of The Miner:

I see by your Knapp's Creek correspondence of this week, that the Reed & Anderson well is in the sand, and that the boys have shut down for pay. In justice to Messrs. Reed & Hubbel, who were to do the drilling, allow me to state the facts, which are that the well is down and the drillers have their pay, and we are *waiting for tubing*, which will be put in next week.

Yours Resp'y,

J. S. ANDERSON.

From Coryville.

MARCH 25, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Gilmor well on Digel farm down over 1000 feet—tools out of rig and gone to Bradford for repairs. Gilmor No 2, on Bingham lands, timber and lumber on the spot, and engine started but resting in the woods.

A road has been underbrushed from Coryville to Rixford, on Knapp's creek, a distance of five miles, the past week, for the use of excursionists on foot and mounted, but to the astonishment of those along the settled part of the line, the next day after it was finished teams commenced moving both ways and even a buggy has been successfully engineered through, choosing this route rather than to encounter the mud up Knapp's creek. By the by, this may eventually become the route for a branch of the Narrow Gauge railroad, passing through Duke Center and Rixford, and intersecting the McKean and Buffalo railroad at Frisbee station near Coryville. This would be a great saving of distance to those going south, while those traveling northward would pass directly on to Olean.

The Union Pipe Line Company, seeking an eastern or seaboard termination, have secured a title to land along this route, and farther on, so that they now are able to make connections through without the aid of the Legislature. It is fervently hoped that the project may come, to a successful termination and thereby work the aggrandizement of the operators.

D. C. Young, of Larrabee, has leased a lot of land to J. M. Williams who is preparing to erect a tank shop in conjunction with a sash, blind and door manufactory.

The well on A. O. Cory's farm is still waiting—no active work being done, and nothing wanting but tools and men to use them.

This morning we find the thermometer but ten degrees above zero, which causes man and beast to shiver after so much uncommonly warm weather. A.

From Eldred.

MARCH 27, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miner.

Business is lively although the depth of mud has been great. Everything in business is pushing forward to a great extent.

W. H. Conts has his store up and is rushing it to completion. Forty buildings have been erected in this village during the past year,

Burt & Helmer are selling fresh meats in their market

The new freight house is built at this station, size 24x50, and is full of freight.

The Indian Creek riot has ceased, and business is lively. Collins well, on Dave. Cooper, has commenced the drill. Well on widow Round's farm ready to start the drill. Well on Adam Elands farm down 1030 feet, and expect sand to-day.

On the night of 24th inst. at Stulltown, the house of D. L. Rice took fire and was entirely destroyed together with all the household goods. No insurance.

JEB.

Neighboring Counties.

—The Olean *Times* is forty-three years old.

—Warren has a Chinese laundry, or "Washee shop."

—Elk county treasurer's sales are to be published this week.

—The contract for putting down another oil well at Elkland has been let.

—None but reliable insurance companies represented by W. H. Mandeville. tf

—They have more butter and eggs in Brookville than they know what to do with.

—A Coudersport man has purchased a mountain howitzer to shoot pigeons with.

—Five hundred and fifty persons are employed in the railroad shops at Renovo.

—The Oleanders find it very difficult to revive the temperance movement in that place.

—Bound road orders, with stub attached, in books of 100 each, for sale at this office.

—The books are opened for the organization of an Agricultural Society in Cameron county.

—Three hundred and forty-eight cars of oil were shipped from the Olean station last week.

—Ridgway is the only county-seat in the State that is not an incorporated borough. So says the *Advocate*.

—The Olean House is receiving a new brick addition, made necessary by its increasing patronage and popularity.

—Only about one-fifth of the applications for license were granted at the recent term of court in Clarion county.

—P. A. Stebbins Jr. & Bro. of Coudersport, have recently put in their office a new fire-proof safe, weighing 4,000 pounds.

—R. L. Irwin, a prominent and well known operator in the lower oil regions, died at Olean last week. He was taken to his home in Pleasantville for burial.

—Nelson Sizer, while working in E. D. Sizer's mill, Emporium, last week Monday, had two fingers on his right hand badly cut by a circular saw. He narrowly escaped losing his hand,

—Barney Donahue, the boss striker, has been discharged from Bath jail, having been in the hands of the law for nearly eight months. He is said to be tolerably well cured of his ambition to conquer the railroad world.

—It is something of a conundrum if an Indian comes into town sober and goes out pretty drunk where he gets his liquor. Especially when there is a heavy fine for selling to them at all.—Limestone *News*.

—The embankment sloughed out under the track of the State Line, in the swamp near Eagle, the other day, and if the engineer had not put on all speed a wreck would have occurred.—Ellicottville *Union*.

—The removal of the offices of the narrow guage railroad to Bradford, and the Sole Leather Collar Pad Manufactory to Chicago, may be called a "set-back" to some of the rather extravagant aspirations of our neighboring village of Olean.

—Jerry Barker, who has been enjoying the hospitalities of the Cattaraugus county poor house because he was unable to work and unwilling to steal or "dead-beat" it, has made a contract with two ambitious and prudent young men of means to publish a paper for them at Machias, for $300 a year, board and rooms included. Good-for-Jerry.

—County Treasurer, Thos. B. Bryden, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon. He was going up Main Street when his horse, a young colt, started suddenly at sight of some object. Mr. Bryden was thrown backward and fell to the ground, striking on his shoulder. He was immediately taken to his residence and Dr. Shearer called to attend him.—He was unconscious most of the time during the afternoon and evening. Late in the evening his symptoms were more favorable, and every hope is entertained that he will come out all right.—Wellsboro *Gazette*.

—Dr. Follett has disposed of his house and lot on the corner of Union and Hamilton streets, to "Ed. Dolan" formerly of the Bradford House, Bradford, Pa. Mr. Dolan is a genial gentleman, and a popular landlord. We understand that he intends to keep a semi-private hotel, for the accomodation of his numerous oil dealing and operating friends for the present, and if the demand for accomodation justifies him, he will enlarge the premises and open a first-class hotel. In whatever he undertakes in Olean, we wish him "Plenty of Prosperity and Profit."—Olean *Times*.

Borough and Township Settlements.

The act of assembly approved the 31st day of March, 1876, (Pamphlet Laws, page 12,) requires the auditors of every borough and township to meet annually on the *second Monday in April*, and audit and settle the accounts of the supervisors, overseers of the poor, and all other township and borough officers, except that of school directors, which comes off annually on the first Monday of June. And they must post up the statement, or publish it in the county papers, so that the tax payers can see the same. Auditors will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Resolutions

Passed at a regular Communication of McKean Lodge No. 389, A. Y. M., on Wednesday evening, March 27, 1878:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Grand Master of the universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our worthy brothers, J. M. Rouble, and Charles Crossmire, it is due to the memory of our brothers that the members of this Lodge with whom they were closely connected should bear testimony to their many virtues. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in their death we recognize the hand of a Supreme Master, and that we are admonished to be ready for the summons to join the Grand Lodge on high.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved families of our deceased brothers our sincerest sympathy in this sad hour of their affliction, at the same time reminding them that what is our earthly loss is their eternal gain.

Resolved, That in token of respect to the memory of our deceased brothers, we drape our Lodge room in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that these resolutions be entered of record on the minutes of the Lodge.

Resolved, That the secretary present to each family of the deceased brothers a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished the McKean MINER for publication.

A. B. ARMSTRONG,
M. A. SPRAGUE,
JOHN C. BACKUS,
Co m.

—PLYMOUTH, N. H., March 21.—Isaac Adams died at Sandwich, N. H., yesterday, having a fortune estimated at from four to six millions. He bought what is known as the Adams printing press from the inventor for an old gun, afterward receiving $40,000 in gold for the use of it in England.

DIED.

TYLER.—At Griswold, Conn., March 22, 1878, of cancer, Mrs. Dolly C., wife of Thomas R. Tyler, aged 75 years.

[Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Gardner Barrett and Mrs. O. J. Hamlin, of this county.—ED.]

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Such an opportunity as this proposition affords to possess a good watch is rarely presented, and no person in need of one can afford to let the opportunity slip. The watches are genuine in every respect, and every one presented will be warranted by M. L. Armstrong, the well known jeweler of this place. Any one wishing to make up a club and secure this prize, will please inform us at once, so there will be no delay in delivering the watch as soon as the requisite number of subscribers are secured. In order that no one need be discouraged from making the effort, we will promise to any one failing to secure the requisite number a commission of 25 per cent. on the amount of subscriptions secured.—We would prefer that no portion of the list be sent in until the club is completed. The money *must* accompany the names *in every instance*. There will be no restrictions upon any one as to territory.—For further information, address

H. F. BARBOUR,
Smethport, Pa.

—Insure your life with W. H. Mandeville, Olean, N. Y. tf

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Dentistry.

Dr. Lewis will be in Smethport at the Wright House, on Monday, April 1st, and remain during the week. All those wishing his dental services will call at his rooms.

—In these days of retrenchment and economy people can save large doctor's bills by using Dr. Fenner's Cough Honey for coughs, and his Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic for biliousness, blood, skin, and nervous diseases and all disordered states of the system.

A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD STORY.—Ben Franklin gave the people of his day a recipe for obtaining health, wealth and wisdom. The present generation is not supposed to be in want of wisdom, and would prefer happiness combined with health and wealth. The modern way to obtain all these is told in the advertisement of Barrick, Boller & Co., headed "Health and Happiness" in this paper. We cordially recommend our readers to the careful consideration of their advice.—2t

—This is not a humorous item, but a matter of the most serious concern, and without doubt of very general interest. Hatch's Universal Cough Syrup is offered to the public for the cure of coughs, colds, croup, hoarseness, and for the sure relief of Whooping Cough, Asthma, and Bronchitis. It is warranted in every case. The dealer where you may be in the habit of purchasing medicines, probably has it for sale. Ask him about it. He may know of a case similar to yours, for which it has been used. Hundreds of thousands of samples have been gratuitously distributed, to satisfy people of its merits. It has the most enviable reputation, as the safest the most effectual, and the cheapest medicine to be obtained. A few doses generally relieve. Sold, regular size, and 10 cents samples by A. B. Armstrong.

Important News.

It is the duty of every person who has used Parmelee's Blood Purifier to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing all diseases of the Blood, Stomach, Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Dropsy, Boils Itch, Humors, Piles, Loss of appetite, Salt Rheum, Ulcers, Jaundice, Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Loss of Vigor, Female Complaints and all diseases originating in bad state of the blood. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all druggists to recommend it to the poor dying patients at least to try one bottle In all cases where it has been sold not one case where it has failed has been reported Such a medicine as Parmelee's Blood Purifier, cannot be too well known. Ask your druggist for it. Sample bottles to try, 15 cents.—Large regular size, $1 per bottle. For sale by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport; and H. Hamlin Eldred, Pa 15-15-eow 1 y.

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New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

U. S. Internal-Revenue Special Taxes.

"Under the Revised Statutes of the United States sections 3232, 3237, 3238 and 3239 every person engaged in any business, occupation or employment which renders him liable to a special tax is required to *procure and place* and keep conspicuously in his establishment or place of business a STAMP denoting the payment of said special tax for the special-tax year beginning May 1, 1878. Section 244 Revised Statutes designates who are liable to special tax. A return as prescribed on Form 11 is also required by law of every person liable to special tax as aforesaid; there penalties are prescribed for non-compliance with the foregoing requirements or for omitting in the business after April 30 1878 without payment of tax.

Application should be made to E. Cowan Dupont Collector of Internal Revenue Warren, Pa." 21—3t

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Legal.

In Bankruptcy.

District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

This is to give notice that on the 11th day of March A. D 1878 Sargent in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Almond M. Stone of Hrdford in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania who has been adjudged Bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt to him or for his use and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Bankrupt to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Office No. 11, North Park Row, Erie Pa., before S. J. Wortruff Esq., Register, on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1878 at 11 o'clock a. m.

JOHN HALL,
U. S. Marshal as Messenger
Pittsburgh March 14 1878.—21-3p

Breve de partitione Facienda

JOHN H. DINGMAN and JAMES O'NEILL, vs. BURDETT CHANDLER with other terre tenants.

IN COURT OF MCKEAN COUNTY:
Breve de Partitionde Facienda.

And now, March 1, 1878 The said writ having been returned by the Sheriff, and the return thereof approved by the Court on motion of Counsel for Plaintiff's, the Court grant a rule on all persons interested in said case to come into Court on the 22d day of April next to accept or refuse the estate mentioned in the said writ at the appraised value thereof.

Notice to be given parties residing out of the County by publication in the McKean MINER

BY THE COURT.

Certified from the Record.
(seal) C. K. SARTWELL,
Prothonotary.

20-6

Auditors Notice.

In the estate of Nathan Palmer, Deceased.

The Court having appointed the undersigned Auditor to distribute the fund in hand of Administrators of said estate: Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at the office of Beckes & Gorton in Smethport on Monday, April 8th 1878, when and where all persons who hold any claims against said estate are required to produce and substantiate the same or be debarred from coming in for a share of such fund.

20-3 H. KING, Auditor.

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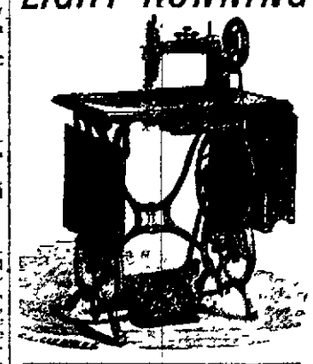

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Auditor's Notice.

A. M. GILLETT } In McKean County Com-
vs mon Pleas, A.D. No. 74, Feb.
THOS. BRADLEY } T. 1878.
& D. No. 61, Dec. T. 1877

THE Court having appointed the undersigned Auditor to distribute the fund, arising from Sheriff's sale in the above case. Now notice is hereby given to all parties interested, that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at my office in Smethport on Thursday the 4th day of April, 1878, at 10 o'clock, a.m., when and where all persons are required to produce and substantiate their claims.

D. H. HAMLIN, Auditor.
16-19.4p

Charter Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania and in accordance with the Act of Assembly approved the 29th of April A. D. 1874, for a charter of incorporation for a plank road company, with the power, franchise and privilege of constructing a plank road from Duke Center to Eldred, both in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania.

DORNAN & CREESEMAN,
Attys for Petitioners.

Duke Centre, March 14, 1878. 20-3

Lines of Travel.

McKEAN & BUFFALO RAILROAD

Time table went into effect Friday, March 8, 1878, at 8.30 o'clock a. m.

SOUTHWARD

STATIONS.		MAIL.	LOCAL.
Lavelley	Leave	11.30 a. m	5.30 a m
Felchville	"	11.38 "	5.38 "
Farmers Valley	"	11.58 "	5.48 "
Smethport	"	12.05 "	6.00 "
Crosby	"	12.11 "	6.15 "
Colegrove	"	12.18 "	6.22 "
Hagues	"	12.10 "	6.35 "
Wetmore	"	12.54 "	6.45 "
Clermont	Arrive	12.55 "

Treasurer's Sales.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sale of unseated lands in arrears of taxes will commence at the Court House, in Smethport Borough, on

Monday, June 10, 1878,

at 10 o'clock A. M., and be continued from day to day until the following described tracts of land, or a sufficient part thereof to pay the taxes due on the same, be sold, to wit:

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

Wt's	sub	Acres	Owner	Tax
3443		10	E H Alvord	$ 9 78
3442		37	do	5 34
2213		27	do	10 70
3443		50	Charles Bell	8 95
3145		30	E W Burr	6 27
2146				
16		100	C T Chamberlain	18 80
3455		98	J Campbell	13 34
2146		83	C A Bailey	4 48
		65	John Kinney	12 91
		325	Pat Kelliher	58 16
2218		25	L Lillibridge	4 48
2146		150	A N Lillibridge	26 85
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